

House Resolution 169

By: Representatives Maddox of the 127th, Sellier of the 136th, Knight of the 126th, and Cole of the 125th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Annual Smoke on the Water BBQ and Bluegrass Festival as a Georgia State
2 BBQ Championship competition; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the 2nd Annual Smoke on the Water BBQ and Bluegrass Festival will be held
4 on April 3rd and 4th, 2009 beside the beautiful Bickley's Lake in Thomaston, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, the Smoke on the Water BBQ and Bluegrass Festival is a registered contest of
6 the Florida Barbecue Association, a prestigious recognition that elevates the Thomaston
7 BBQ cooking event to a select group of contests held throughout the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, this significant Georgia event is designed to generate funds for the
9 Thomaston-Upson community's Local Volunteer Fire Departments and the Harbor House
10 which temporarily houses children who have been removed from their home; and

11 WHEREAS, the Annual Smoke on the Water BBQ and Bluegrass Festival not only provides
12 a competitive BBQ cook-off with some of the most delicious barbecue in the nation but also
13 hosts a wealth of family activities including live music and entertainment, arts and crafts, and
14 great family fun for all ages; and

15 WHEREAS, this festival is an immensely popular event that attracts competitors, judges,
16 vendors, musicians, artists, and tourists from all parts of Georgia as well as throughout the
17 United States; and

18 WHEREAS, the Annual Smoke on the Water BBQ and Bluegrass Festival provides superior
19 cuisine and wholesome family entertainment while also giving tremendous support to
20 Georgia's local communities and it is only fitting and proper that this event be officially
21 recognized.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
23 GEORGIA that the Annual Smoke on the Water BBQ and Bluegrass Festival is hereby
24 recognized as a Georgia State BBQ Championship competition.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Smoke on the Water
27 BBQ and Bluegrass Festival and the Mayor of the City of Thomaston.